NOTICE

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Lineage and Honors

50th ARMOR

Organized and Federally recognized 16 June 1937 as 3d Battalion, 157th Field Artillery, New Jersey National Guard, at Vineland

Inducted into Federal service 16 September 1940 as an element of the 44th Division (subsequently 44th Infantry Division)

Reorganized and redesignated 7 January 1941 as 2d Battalion, 157th Field Artillery

Reorganized and redesignated 17 February 1942 as 157th Field Artillery Battalion

Inactivated 12 November 1945 at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and relieved from assignment to 44th Infantry Division

Converted, and redesignated in 1946 as 114th Tank Battalion, New Jersey National Guard; Headquarters, at Vineland, Federally recognized 21 November 1946

114th Tank Battalion consolidated 1 March 1959 with the 644th, 113th and 215th Tank Battalions (see ANNEXES 1, 2, and 3), and the 50th Reconnaissance Battalion and new unit designated the 50th Armor, a parent regiment in the Combat Arms Regimental System, consisting of the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Medium Tank Battalions, 50th Armor and the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron, 50th Armor

Regiment (less 5th Squadron) reorganized 31 January 1963 to consist of 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 6th Battalions, 50th Armor (5th Squadron withdrawn and reorganized as 117th Cavalry; separate lineage)

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ANNEX 1

Constituted 3 December 1941 as 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Light, in the Army of the United States

Organized 15 December 1941 at Fort Dix, New Jersey, from the Anti-Tank Battalion (Provisional) of the 44th Division (organized 1 July 1941 at Fort Dix, New Jersey)

Designated a National Guard unit and allotted to the State of New Jersey, 13 March 1942

50th ARMOR

Inactivated 5 December 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia

Converted, reorganized, and redesignated in 1946 as the 644th Tank Battalion; Headquarters Federally recognized 18 November 1946 at Red Bank, New Jersey

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1949 as the 644th Heavy Tank Battalion and assigned to the 50th Armored Division

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ANNEX 2

Constituted 9 July 1946 as the 113th Tank Battalion; concurrently, allotted to the New Jersey National Guard as an element of the 50th Armored Division

Organized with Headquarters Federally recognized 8 April 1947 at Orange, New Jersey (station changed 31 December 1947 to Dover)

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ANNEX 3

Constituted 9 July 1946 as 215th Tank Battalion; concurrently, allotted to New Jersey National Guard as an element of the 50th Armored Division

Organized with Headquarters Federally recognized 11 April 1947 at Dumont, New Jersey

Reorganized and redesignated 1 March 1949 as 215th Medium Tank Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1952 as 215th Tank Battalion

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

<u>World War I</u>
Meuse-Argonne
Alsace 1918

<u>World War II</u>
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

50th ARMOR

DECORATIONS

Distinguished Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered HURTGEN FOREST

2d Battalion, 50th Armor additionally entitled to:

Belgian Fourragere 1940

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at ELSENBORN CREST

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action in the ARDENNES

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion additionally entitled to:

Meritorious Unit Commendation, Streamer embroidered EUROPEAN THEATER

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

J. C. Lambert

J. C. LAMBERT
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

MAR 24 1964